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From the Managing Editor

As we approach the Second Inaugural of Barack Obama, cynically scheduled to coincide with Martin Luther King Day—a great man with whom Obama bears no similarity in character, despite the color of his skin—I am reminded of an earlier Second Inaugural, nearly 150 years ago, of our greatest President, Abraham Lincoln. On that occasion, in 1865, Lincoln, reflecting on the horrors of the Civil War, then nearing its bloody end, observed: “The Almighty has his own purposes. ‘Woe unto the world because of offenses! for it must needs be that offenses come; but woe to that man by whom the offense cometh.’” Obama and Company would do well to heed Lincoln’s warning.

The LaRouche movement has put the clear alternative to the British imperial/Obama program on the table, as laid out in this week’s *Feature*, “2013: The Year of Glass-Steagall.” Faced with the worst economic breakdown crisis since the 14th Century, there is now an international upsurge in favor of Glass-Steagall; see “Documentation: Worldwide Glass-Steagall Legislative Initiatives.”

International reviews the strategic war threat in “Russia, China Respond to BMD; Syria Conflict Deadlocked,” followed by an interview with Mother Agnès-Mariam of Syria, “Syrian War Is Being Steered from Abroad,” and a report on the crisis in Mali, “Will France’s Bombing of Mali Lead to a New Thirty Years War?” Former Israeli Shin Bet chief Yuval Diskin takes on Netanyahu and Barak, noting pointedly that, “There Are Worse Things Than an Iranian Bomb”; a review of former Sen. Bob Graham’s *Keys to the Kingdom*, reopens the 9/11/01 investigation, asking, “Why has the present and prior Administration engaged in such a comprehensive, sustained, and, to date, largely successful cover-up?”

In *National*, “Congress Faces Countdowns on Economy, Expanded War” reports on LaRouchePAC organizing in Congress for LaRouche’s threefold recovery program. Obama’s killer-drone program is put under the spotlight in “Drone Strikes as Strategic Folly: Obama Is al-Qaeda’s No. 1 Recruiter.”

Two special items complete the issue: in *Science*, Asteroid Apophis Update: No Impact; a Call for Action,” on how to defend Earth from asteroids; and in *Physical Economy*, “To Go Ahead, Look Back to When New Jersey ‘Worked,’” on the infrastructure needed, and immediately available, to protect from superstorms like Sandy.

